

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 2003 – 1000 MDT  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light to moderate nationally, with 121 new fires reported yesterday. Five new large fires were reported in the Eastern Area. Six fires were contained, four in the Eastern Area and two in the Southern Area. Very high fire indices were reported in Arizona, Colorado, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Hampshire and Pennsylvania.

COLUMBIA RESPONSE, Federal Emergency Management Agency. A FEMA Emergency Operations Center is established in Lufkin, Texas. Three Type 2 Incident Management Teams (Mollinex, Dietrich and Swope) are assigned in Longview, Nacogdoches and Corsicana, Texas. Forty-eight agencies are cooperating in the search and collection of shuttle materials. Approximately 85 percent of the current assigned area, or 625,963 acres, has been searched and 37 percent of the total shuttle weight has been recovered. Ground searches in Hemphill, Texas have been completed. Search operations have begun near Cedro Peak in New Mexico.

NEWCASTLE, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA. State and Federal personnel have been mobilized in response to the outbreak of the Exotic Newcastle Disease. They are working in support of the USDA APHIS operation under a Unified Command. Support operations continue in Arizona and California.

**SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:**

BOILER, Gila National Forest. This lightning caused Wildland Fire Use fire is ten miles northwest of Poverty Creek, NM and is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. Fuel types involved include ponderosa pine, pinyon pine, juniper and grass. The fire was active in the north, south, and west portions of the fire where it continued to move at a moderate rate of spread throughout the day. Continued monitoring and mapping of fire spread is planned for today.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
BOILER	NM	GNF	5,320	NR	UNK	33	0	5	0	0	30K

**EASTERN AREA LARGE FIRES:**

LOVE GROVE FIRE, Hiawatha National Forest. This fire is burning in grass, spruce and red pine 3 miles south of Trout Lake, MI. Gusty winds in the fire area yesterday resulted in active fire behavior. No other information was reported.

EDENVILLE, Michigan Department of Natural Resources. This fire is burning in pine, grass and blueberry marsh 2 miles west of Edenville, MI. Mopup operations are expected to continue for several days.

ZION, Illinois Division of Forestry Resources. The fire is burning in the Illinois Beach State Park. No other information was reported. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
LOVE GROVE FIRE	MI	HIF	170	70	4/30	NR	0	16	0	0	NR
EDENVILLE	MI	MIS	300	99	UNK	NR	0	0	0	0	NR
ZION	IL	ILS	450	60	UNK	NR	0	0	0	0	NR
ALDRICH ROAD	MI	HMF	500	100	---	28	1	3	0	1	NR
MENTOR	OH	OHS	400	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR
MUSHROOM	MI	HMF	150	100	---	23	0	6	1	0	NR
PODUNK	MI	MIS	106	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR

HMF = Huron-Manistee National Forest  
OHS = Ohio Division of Forestry

### SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
DENWIDDIE FIRE	TX	TXS	638	100	---	2	0	0	0	0	NR
DOUBLE FALLS ROAD	OK	OKS	475	100	---	2	0	1	0	0	NR

TXS = Texas Forest Service  
OKS = Oklahoma Division of Forestry

### OUTLOOK:

**Red Flag Warnings:** Much of eastern Arizona and all of New Mexico below 9,000 feet and portions of southwest Texas for strong west winds and low humidity in conjunction with high or higher fire danger.

**Weather Discussion:** Upper trough of low pressure with scattered showers over much of the West except for dry, gusty winds over the Southwest. Frontal system and showers from the Plains states across the Midwest to the mid-Atlantic coast. Another area of showers continues along a weak front across Florida.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<b>SOUTHWEST</b> Mostly sunny and windy.	Mid 50s to mid 70s mountains, mid 70s to mid 90s lower elevations.	15-20% highest mountains northern Arizona and northern New Mexico, 5-15% remainder.	W 15-30 mph and gusty.
<b>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA</b> Partly cloudy.	45-65 mountains 65-75 valleys 70-90 deserts	30-50% N half 20-40% S half	SW to NW 5 to 15 mph, except 15 to 25 mph over the deserts.
<b>EASTERN AREA</b> Showers and thunderstorms likely over the northern Big Rivers, southern Great Lakes, NW New York Partly to mostly cloudy elsewhere	55 to 65 northern tier 65 to 75 southern tier	30 to 40% across portions of the northern Great Lakes and eastern New England	Southeast wind 10 to 20 mph across western mid-Atlantic states



[www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/index\\_j.asp](http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/index_j.asp)

### Standard Fire Orders

The NWCG approved a revision of the Standard Fire Orders, in accordance with their original arrangements. The orders are arranged according to their importance and grouped in logical sequence. Review and consider Standard Fire Orders as a part of every shift.

- Did you receive or request adequate weather briefing, current and predicted fire behavior, wind direction, predicted humidity, fuel moisture, local factor?
- Do you have map of the fire? Is topography, type of fuels, direction of the spread defined?
- Fire behavior group deals with what the firefighter will encounter - weather, fire status, fire behavior.
  1. Keep informed on fire weather conditions and forecasts.
  2. Know what your fire is doing at all times.
  3. Base all actions on current and expected behavior of the fire.
- Are you familiar with direction, distance, location, size of escape routes and safety zones?
- Discuss the need for lookout, such as extreme fire behavior, fire located out of line-of-sight.
- Discuss importance of the situational awareness.
- Fireline safety group emphasizes personal safety.
  4. Identify escape routes and safety zones and make them known.
  5. Post lookouts when there is possible danger.
  6. Be alert. Keep calm. Think clearly. Act decisively.
- Review importance and means of passing tactical decisions and resource movement.
- Review other factors influencing potential changes in tactics, which could affect control of your forces.
- Organizational Control group is centered around tactical decisions.
  7. Maintain prompt communications with your forces, your supervisor and adjoining forces.
  8. Give clear instructions and insure they are understood.
  9. Maintain control of your forces at all time.
- After you have considered, discussed and acted on the previous nine orders:
  10. Fight fire aggressively, having provided for safety first.

**FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	1					2	3
	ACRES	1					0	1
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	1	2				2	5
	ACRES	0	2				0	2
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES	13				75	3	91
	ACRES	15				222	203	440
Southern Area	FIRES					21	1	22
	ACRES					695	1	696
TOTAL	FIRES	15	2	0	0	96	8	121
	ACRES	16	2	0	0	917	204	1,139

**FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES				1	48		49
	ACRES				432	219		651
Northwest	FIRES	4	1	1			7	13
	ACRES	1	0	1			1	3
Northern California	FIRES				4	90	16	110
	ACRES				2,210	19	12	2,241
Southern California	FIRES	1	4		1	249	53	308
	ACRES	0	1		0	28	19	48
Northern Rockies	FIRES	278	1	7		60	12	358
	ACRES	1,952	0	498		16,316	1,361	20,127
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		8			11	3	22
	ACRES		18			286	0	304
Western Great Basin	FIRES		3					3
	ACRES		2					2
Southwest	FIRES	58	27	3		152	75	315
	ACRES	60	2,801	274		4,903	239	8,277
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	9	9	22	1	40	12	93
	ACRES	123	2	1,379	200	225	469	2,398
Eastern Area	FIRES	680		56	14	4,423	255	5,428
	ACRES	51,215		3,420	614	78,702	5,041	138,992
Southern Area	FIRES	88		7	11	8,336	266	8,708
	ACRES	20,160		757	756	123,842	7,843	153,358
TOTAL	FIRES	1,118	53	96	32	13,409	699	15,407
	ACRES	73,511	2,824	6,329	4,212	224,540	14,985	326,401

<b>Eight Year Average Fires</b>	<b>28,661</b>
<b>Eight Year Average Acres</b>	<b>616,393</b>

\*\*\*Averages are computed from data reported to NICC during the fourth reporting period in April\*\*\*

and

\*\*\*Changes in some agency YTD acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments\*\*\*

**PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	1						1
	ACRES	11						11
Northern California	FIRES		0					0
	ACRES		2					2
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						353	353
Rocky Mountain	FIRES			1		1		2
	ACRES			660		25		685
Eastern Area	FIRES	1		4		12	4	21
	ACRES	12		561		3,523	591	4,687
Southern Area	FIRES					1	8	9
	ACRES					950	24,866	25,816
TOTAL	FIRES	2	0	5	0	14	15	36
	ACRES	23	2	1,221	0	4,498	25,810	31,554

**PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	10	73	146	1		66	296
	ACRES	730	8,750	4,675	7		3,327	17,489
Northern California	FIRES	2	8	6	11		73	100
	ACRES	31	123	16,866	499		3,872	21,391
Southern California	FIRES		2	1	2		66	71
	ACRES		25	38	12		7,876	7,951
Northern Rockies	FIRES	7	8	11		4	94	124
	ACRES	287	2,838	1,718		102	7,123	12,068
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	10	3		4	8	26
	ACRES	18	1,099	300		121	2,212	3,750
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	4	26	4	4		186	224
	ACRES	485	10,722	816	4,877		16,012	32,912
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	26	11	39	5	5	24	110
	ACRES	1,718	1,020	8,297	349	71	3,750	15,205
Eastern Area	FIRES	14		115	9	272	118	528
	ACRES	10,069		28,583	1,630	36,898	22,613	99,793
Southern Area	FIRES	49		216	33	5,635	1,013	6,946
	ACRES	8,812		75,472	49,606	376,102	812,438	1,322,430
TOTAL	FIRES	113	138	541	65	5,920	1,648	8,425
	ACRES	22,150	24,577	136,765	56,980	413,294	879,223	1,532,989

\*\*\* Changes in some agency YTD acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments. \*\*\*

**WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						5,320	5,320
Rocky Mountain	FIRES			1				1
	ACRES			320				320
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	1	0	0	1	2
	ACRES	0	0	320	0	0	5,320	5,640

\*\*\* Changes in some agency YTD acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments. \*\*\*

**RESOURCES STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES**

AREA	CREWS FED	CREWS ST/OT	ENGS FED	ENGS ST/OT	HELI FED	HELI ST/OT	AIRT FED	AIRT ST/OT	OVRHD FED	OVRHD ST/OT
Alaska										
Northwest	1		3						7	
Northern California										
Southern California									17	303
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin										
Western Great Basin										
Southwest	6		5						37	2
Rocky Mountain										
Eastern Area	1		30	34	1	9			93	22
Southern Area	12	34		1					233	642
Total	20	34	38	35	1	9	0	0	387	969

**\*\*\* NATIONAL INTERAGENCY COORDINATION CENTER \*\*\***